

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

This arcing contact element (~~10,18~~) is capable of occupying an initial position in which it is in contact with another arcing contact element (~~18,10~~), as well as a second position, in which it is separated from this other arcing contact element so as to allow interruption of the current. This element consists of carbon fibres embedded in a matrix which includes at least one electrically conducting material linked to graphite.

~~Figure 1~~